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FOR SECRETARY SIMON FROM SISCO

1. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR KUWAIT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: I AM HONORED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
VISIT THE STATE OF KUWAIT FOR THE FIRST TIME AND ALSO
TO BE THE FIRST AMERICAN SECRETARY OF TREASURY TO DO SO.

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IN PLANNING MY TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST, I WANTED VERY

MUCH TO INCLUDE KUWAIT IN MY INTINERARY, GIVEN THE IMPORTANT ROLE KUWAIT PLAYS IN INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AND ENERGY MATTERS.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WHAT I AM SURE WILL BE FRIENDLY AND USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS HIGHNESS, SHAIKH JABIR, FOREIGN MINISTER SHAIKH SABAH, MY DISTINGUISHED COUNTERPART ABDUL RAHMAN ATIQI, AND WITH OTHER KUWAITI OFFICIALS. I AM WELL AWARE OF KUWAIT'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS, ITS ADVANCED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AND ITS RESPONSIBLE FISCAL POLICIES. I AM ALSO AWARE OF KUWAIT'S POTENTIAL AS AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL CENTER AND RECOGNIZE ITS COOPERATION IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE-- PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE KUWAIT FUND.

IN VIEW OF THE CLOSE AND GROWING RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, I BELIEVE THAT IT IS IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH OUR KUWAITI FRIENDS AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE AND ON AS HIGH A LEVEL AS POSSIBLE. BUT IN ADDITION TO OFFICIAL COUNSULTATION, THE PURPOSE OF MY VISIT IS TO CONVEY TO THE PEOPLE OF KUWAIT THE CONTINUING FRIENDSHIP, INTEREST AND GOOD WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. I AM HERE TO BECOME ACQUAINTED AND TO LISTEN AND TO LEARN. I VIEW THIS VISIT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND MY ASSOCIATION WITH AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE ARAB WORLD. KISSINGER

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